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THAT THRIVING METROPOLIS OF CHITINA!

Honestly Now, What Do You Think of Our Town?

Have you ever visited a more beautiful spot for a town in your life?

Don't you think that the arrangements of our streets are the finest ever?

Can't you see how the concentration of business to three short blocks add to the value of the business section?

Don't you realize the advantage of the switch track along the back of the business lots for handling freight cheaply?

Don't you know that the fire risks are less than in any town you ever lived in?

What do you know about the scenery and natural beauty? Can you beat it?

Do you know this is going to be one of the largest towns in Alaska?

Wouldn't you like to live and do business in such a delightful spot?

Do you know you can buy lots in this best of towns on easy payments?

Do you know that the price of lots are from \$50.00 to \$700.00.

Chitina Townsite Co.

Chitina Leader, Sept. 24, 1910 (first issue).

Here in CHITINA

Is a genuine opportunity for a man or woman with a few hundred dollars to invest in lots, for either a home or for business purposes, if the advantages of this great undeveloped empire are accepted now.

Thousands of settlers, prospectors and tourists will come into this country next spring to make this their home and add their mite to the development of this vicinity.

You cannot afford to miss this opportunity to get in on the ground floor and to get established for the business that is sure to come.

DO IT NOW

Chitina Townsite Co.

Chitina Leader, Nov. 12, 1910.

Some people had high hopes for Chitina, as these ads from the Chitina Leader show. According to the second ad, "thousands...will come into the country next spring." But it seems the boom there was short lived. Let's take a look at the tokens and the people who issued them.

Chitina Leader, September 24, 1910.



"King" Oscar **Breedman**, is going some these days. His ad tells you something about his business at both ends of the line. He is enjoying a splendid bar trade at his Chitina bar and when in Cordova you will of course stop at the MacCormac. The MacCormac is one of the best houses in Alaska, and he carries a splendid stock of standard liquors and cigars at both places. You can't miss him.

Chitina Leader, September 24, 1910.

Louis Stringer, whom everyone knows and likes, is the busy kid these days getting his place shaped around for a rushing business. He will have a general "hangout" for the boys, where they can secure cigars, soft drinks, plenty of reading matter, get a shave or a hair cut and play pool and solo all night if they want to. Watch his ad and drop in for a pleasant hour.

An ad for T.W. **Cloninger's** and I.J. St. Clair's Log Cabin Bar also appears in the same issue of the Chitina Leader (see page 25).

When in Cordova
Stop at the

MacCormac Hotel
Cordova, Alaska

Chitina Bar
S. O. BREEDMAN, Prop.

Best of Everything

Wines and
Liquors

Fire Proof Safe in House
Restaurant in Connection
SAFE DEPOSIT BOXES

Chitina Leader, September 24, 1910.

STRINGER'S

"The Hangout"

Where you will find your friends

POOL

And Solo Tables, Cigars, Confectionery, Magazines, Periodicals and Stationery.

Watch this Space

Something Doing all the time

L. C. STRINGER, Proprietor

Chitina Leader, September 24, 1910.

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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

I assume you all saw the glaring error on the front page of the last issue. That is why there is a new front page for the February issue included with this mailing.

I promised something on Tom Cloninger and the Chitina Hotel. Guess I got carried away. It turned into an article on the Chitina token issuers. It seems like a mix and match with owners and business names! And Chitina boils over into Cordova. I have "bolded" the token issuers and businesses in the text. I thought about doing a spreadsheet showing how they were all connected, but decided it was too much?

Nothing exciting on eBay this month. Collins Cigar Store of Anchorage brought a respectable price but Joe Flowers disappointed. Modern military tokens continue to bring impressive prices.

We have compiled a 45 year index and a price realized from 1999 to 2023. These are offered on page 38.

Not much else to say, so I will squeeze in a spacefiller here.

C.B. POOL ROOM

SELDOVIA B-1

Seward Daily Gateway, March 12, 1925.

C.B. Peterson, of Seldovia, returned on the Admiral Watson from California, where he took his brother who is in ill health, and who later passed away at San Francisco. Mr. Peterson is the owner of the largest pool hall in Seldovia.

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PRICES REALIZED

Selected prices realized from eBay:

Anchorage , Collins Cigar Store, 12½¢, B-13a	371.00
Anchorage , Joe Flowers, 5¢, B-18aII	79.00
Cape Newenham , 794th AC&W NCO Club, B-1i	80.99
Elmendorf AFB , Civilian Club, \$1, B-1f	41.00
Fairbanks , Pastime Cigar, set of 3, B-44, a-c	30.01
Fairbanks , Zapel's Restaurant, 10¢, B-58a	8.44
Fire Island , NCO OM, 50¢, B-1dI	12.50
Fire Island , NCO OM, 50¢, B-1dII	6.00
Fairbanks , University Bus, 15¢, B-T7a	23.50
Ft. Richardson , brass coat check	79.89
Indian Mountain , 708 NCO OM, 5¢, B-1aI	29.99OB
Indian Mountain , 708 NCO OM, 25¢, B-1cI	42.88
Juneau , AH King, 50¢, B-42c	21.50
Kasigluk , Co-op Store, FST set	12.50
King Salmon , NCO OM, \$1 green alum. unl.	135.81
Kodiak , NOB, B-10b	36.42
Murphy Dome , 744th, NCO OM, \$1, B-3f	196.50
Nenana , Ghezzi, B-3a, (5) pieces.	43.00
Northeast Cape , 712 NCO OM, 10¢, B-1b	138.50
Palmer , ARRC, 10¢, B-1c	45.00
Sparrevohn , 719th ACW SQDN, \$1, B-1i	125.71
Tin City , NCO OM, 10¢, B-1b	191.38
Valdez , Copper Block Buffet, 12½¢, B-4b	34.00
Hudson's Bay Co. , Eastern Arctic, "10"	73.98
Hudson's Bay Co. , Eastern Arctic, "50"	51.78OB
Hudson's Bay Co. , Eastern Arctic, "100"	60.67
Hudson's Bay Co. , Eastern Arctic, "100"	55.00

OB = Opening Bid; NB = No Bid; RL = relist; R = Reserve; RNM = Reserve Not Met; W = withdrawn BIN = Buy it now; BOA = Best Offer Accepted; DNS = Did Not Sell; SUP = sold, unknown price. FTR = see For the Record.

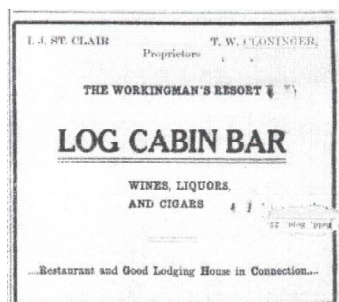
MINT SPORT



Seller oneafter909def offered this piece, and provided the following information: Ex Duane H. Feisel collection, aluminum, 26mm: *"I talked to my father the token expert, and he said that sometime in the 60s or 70s someone named Woody in Southern California acquired a large number of dies. He then restruck a quantity of them."*

This "restrike" looks better than the Alaska pieces we have seen. But is this from the same hoard? Perhaps a clue to the origins of the "K&I Fantasy" pieces.

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Chitina Leader, September 24, 1910.

Chitina Leader, November 12, 1910.

Geo. Blouen returned from a business trip to Cordova this week. Mr. Blouen has been negotiating with parties to open a saloon in his fine building, which is now ready for occupancy, but up to the time of going to press nothing definite has been decided upon.

Chitina Leader, November 19, 1910

L.C. Stringer left on Monday morning for Cordova, where he has been subpoenaed as a witness on one of the cases coming up at this term of court. Louie says he can't have his little say too quick to suit him, as he is anxious to return to his business here.

Chitina Leader, November 19, 1910.

Blouen Building Is Opened By A Dance

The big Blouen building, which is now about ready for occupancy, was opened on Thursday evening by a social hop. Professors Alba and Tibbs, our well known musicians, took advantage of the big floor and arranged with **Mr. Blouen** for a dance. A jolly crowd turned out and dancing was enjoyed until the midnight hour. The special features were the prize waltz and two steps. The prize waltz was won by Mrs. Dan Reeder and Deputy Marshal Brown, and the two best dancers of the popular two step were Mrs. L.C. Stringer and M. Buckley. The prizes were "tastefully" and securely done up in five-cent paper peanut sacks and consisted of an Orr button, a match, two gum drops and a safety pin, the opening of the prizes causing much merriment.

Chitina Leader, November 26, 1910.

Blouen's New Building Opened as a Hotel

All speculations is now at an end as to what **Geo. Blouen** intended doing with his big building, for on Wednesday evening an all night sign was hung in front of the place which read "Chitina Hotel."

George has six nicely furnished rooms on the upper floor, some of which are already rented and he is working every day on the lower floors, putting them in readiness for occupancy. The big corner room he may fix up as a bar and pool room, and there is another partitioned off which parties are negotiating for as a store and barber shop or possibly a restaurant. To a Leader representative Mr. Blouen stated that within a week or ten days, he should know exactly what he intends doing with the entire building, and would know as to whether a bar would be established in the building or not.

Chitina Leader, November 26, 1910.

Hotel Chitina Now Ready For Interior Travelers

Oscar Breedman now has his big hostelry in readiness for the transient and regular trade, there being a dozen handsomely furnished rooms already for the guests...Travelers from the states to the interior and Fairbanks people outward bound have already registered at the **Hotel Chitina** and express their satisfaction...The one story addition to the hotel is now up, in which the bar and pool rooms will be located.

Hotel Chitina and Chitina Hotel. A fine kettle of fish!

Chitina Leader, November 26, 1910.

Names of Hotels Confusing

There has been considerable comment in a jovial way as to the mix up of signs of the two hotels. **Geo. Blouen** decided to call his place the "**Chitina Hotel**," and had his sign up first, while **Oscar Breedman** has been advertising his new hotel by that name, or the "Hotel Chitina." Mr. Blouen says he gave no thought to his competitor's sign when he had his own made, and as Mr. Breedman was not here when the signs were hung, we haven't learned how the matter stands with him. Anyway there is a "Hotel Chitina" sign on the Breedman building and "Chitina Hotel" stands fourth on the Blouen structure. The fact that the "Chitina Hotel" sign went up first has caused many grins, for it was generally understood that Mr. Breedman intended calling his house by that name, and the sign which was shipped out from Cordova was put up the following day, with the only difference of the name being reversed. One old-timer laughingly remarked that it was the only case on record where "the Frenchman beat the Swede to it."

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Chitina Leader, December 3, 1910.

Business Man From Tiekel Rents Stringer Building.

Charles Cook, who was in business last summer in Tiekel, arrive this week from the once busy camp, being the last to leave. He has a good stock of goods which he shipped up and has them now stored in the **Stringer** building which he has rented... He will make the building good and warm...first class billiard parlor in the addition recently added to the **Hotel Chitina** which is the reason for his vacating his building. Mr. **Breedman** wanted several pool tables in connection with the big hostelry and as the Stringer building is hardly suited to tables during the winter it was thought best to move them and rent the building.

Chitina Leader, December 3, 1910.

Hotel Chitina Soon Ready For Big Formal Opening

All the rooms on the upper floor are now nicely furnished ready for business...When the bar room is finished Mr. **Breedman** will move from his present location and the big hostelry will be opened by a grand ball the night before the bar is installed.

Chitina Leader, December 3, 1910.

Application For Another Saloon License Here

On Wednesday of this week a petition was being circulated, which found plenty of signers, for a saloon license to be granted to **Geo. Blouen** of the Chitina hotel. It is understood that R. Pohlner, more familiarly known a "Rudolph," has an interest with Mt. Blouen and as soon as the petition is approved or a permit granted, they will purchase their stock and open for business. A bar is already being built.

Chitina Leader, December 17, 1910.

Louie Stringer has sold his pool tables since renting his building to Cook & West, and is now administering to the thirsty behind the mahogany at the new Home Bar, just opened by **George Blouen** and **Rudolph Pohlner**.

Chitina Leader, December 17, 1910.

Blouen and Pohlner Open Their New Bar

George Blouen, who recently opened the Chitina hotel and **Rudolph Pohlner** opened their new bar the first of the week, which they call the "Home Bar." The partnership covers the liquor business only, Mt.

Blouen still retaining charge of the hotel part of the house. This makes the third saloon to open in Chitina...

Chitina Leader, December 31, 1910.

Pool Tournament Will Soon Be Held in Chitina

Chitina is rapidly getting up-to-date. There are several good pool tables in town and a pool tournament is now being talked of by the enthusiasts of the cue. "Ole" Condon announces that on next Thursday or possibly the first of the week, a pool tournament will start at the table above **Cloninger & St. Clair's**, and that a number of aspirants for the prizes have already announced their intention of entering the race. Rules from the Cordova tournament will be adhere to, and a referee chosen, so every one will have fair play. There are some "sharks," or splendid amateur pool players in Chitina and the tournament should prove interesting.

Chitina Leader, December 31, 1911.

CHALLENGE

Editor Chitina Leader:

Kindly insert the following in the columns of your valuable paper.

Tom Brady and Tom O'Rowrke herby agree to play any two pool players in Chitina for money, chalk, or marbles, mine host **Breedman** and **Bert McCutcheon** preferred, the only stipulation being made that said contest take place in Church & Brady's, and the "tatoo" Kid to be official judge. Hoping our challenge will be accepted, we remain,

Yours Sincerely,
Tom Brady

Chitina Leader, January 7, 1911.

Rudolph Pohlner, who has been interested with **Geo. Blouen** in the Home Bar since its opening, has sold his interest to his partner.



Chitina Leader,
December 17, 1910.

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Chitina Leader, January 21, 1911.

Oscar Breedman, who returned on Thursday evening, brought box of candy for every lady in Chitina, as a holiday gift, with apologies to the dear sex for not being here during the holidays. He was in Cordova at the time, however, and felt assured that better late than never would just about do in this case. He's just about the sweetest and dearest old bachelor in Chitina these days, and if you want to start something real interesting just suggest to any Chitina lady who receive a box of candy, that he isn't.



Chitina Leader, January 28, 1911.

McCutcheon And Griffin Open Their New Bar

Bert McCutcheon left the first of this week for a business trip to Cordova. Messrs. **McCutcheon & Griffin** expect to open their new bar soon at the old stand of **Oscar Breedman of the Chitina bar**. Mr. Breedman has purchased the fixtures of the Columbia bar in Cordova, which will be installed in the Hotel Chitina bar, and the bar now in use at the hotel has already been purchased by McCutcheon & Griffin for their new place.

Seems like the die sinker for the Nevada Bar (B-4a) was not the only person who had problems with this pair's names.

Chitina Leader, February 4, 1911.

Griffiths & McCutcheon Open For Business

Patrons who once drank at the Old Chitina bar, would not now recognize the old stand. It has been cleaned and renovated throughout...Messrs. **McCutcheon and Griffiths**, who recently received a license to conduct a liquor business in Chitina, are quite justified in feeling proud of their place...

Chitina Leader, March 25, 1911.

L.C. Stringer and wife left for Cordova on Tuesday, bidding good-bye to Chitina. Mr. Stringer was one of the pioneers of Chitina, coming here and entering into business early last summer. He met with a



Chitina Leader, March 11, 1911.

number of reverses, however, and decided to seek pastures new.

Chitina Leader, April 1, 1911.

McCutcheon & Griffiths, of the Nevada saloon, have added two new boxes to their building for the use of the restaurant located in their bar. The addition is a welcome one, as the "Senator" and Jesse Brown of the Nevada restaurant are doing an increasing business and have many calls from the family trade. Families or parties can now partake of the excellent dinner the "Senator" puts up, in a neat private compartment, way from the restaurant and bar.

Chitina Leader, June 10, 1911.

Cordes & Simons have taken over the stock of John Gage, and will conduct a general merchandise and outfitting establishment in their building on Chitina Heights.

Chitina Leader, July 15, 1911.

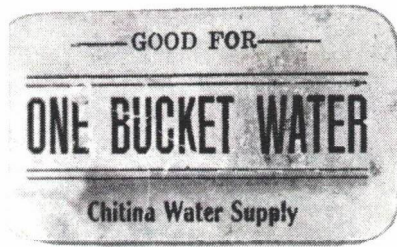
The case of the United States against **Louis Stringer** was heard at Cordova on Wednesday and he was bound over to the grand jury which sets in Cordova in October.

Chitina Leader, July 22, 1911.

Mrs. May Newhouse has purchased three residence lots from the Townsite company and two tents have already been erected thereon. Chitina's water supply is located on these lots, but Newhouse & Co. very courteously offer the spring water to everyone as in the past, though they request that care be taken

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to keep the water clean. As the Katalla Co. camp enjoy the use of this water, they may install a pump and crib up the spring for permanent use.



Chitina Leader, July 22, 1911.



Jake Nafsted, the well known road house man and packer, who just finished a packing contract for the Elliott Creek Mining company, has been engaged by Capt. Lathrop to take in the engineers and supplies for the trip to the Kotsina.

Remember Austin E. "Cap" Lathrop from the October 2023 issue?

Chitina Leader, August 12, 1911.

Chitina Hotel Leased to Well-Known Party

John Palmer, a well known railroad man, has leased the Chitina hotel from **Oscar Breedman** for a term of three years. He will assume charge September 1st.

Chitina Leader, August 19, 1911.

Notice of Dissolution of Partnership

This agreement made and entered into this twelfth day of August, 1911, by **T.W. Cloninger** and **I.J. St. Clair**.

Witnesseth, That it is mutually agreed that the partnership heretofore existing under the firm name of **St. Clair & Cloninger** be and hereby is dissolved and that all accounts for and against the said firm shall be paid and collected by **T.W. Cloninger**

I.J. St. Clair
T.W. Cloninger

Chitina Leader, August 19, 1911.

Tom Cloninger will be associated with **John Palmer** in the **Chitina Hotel bar**. **St. Clair & Cloninger** have dissolved partnership in the Log Cabin and the latter place will be closed.

Chitina Leader, September 2, 1911.

Hotel Changes Hands

J. Palmer and **T.W. Cloninger** took charge of the **Hotel Chitina** yesterday and it is to be remodeled without sparing any expense. In fact, it will be made one of the finest hostelrys between Cordova and Fairbanks.



Neither proprietor needs any introduction to the public. Mr. Cloninger, as part owner of the Log Cabin, helped to make that place popular with the traveling public. Mr. Palmer is a well known railroad man and an old time Alaskan.



Chitina Leader, September 16, 1911.

Chitina Leader, September 16, 1911.

A visit to the store of **Cordes & Simons**, Chitina Heights, would surprise anyone not familiar with the business of this enterprising firm. Almost anything you may want in the way of camp supplies and household articles as well as tools and notions can be found on their well stocked shelves. They purchased most of the equipment of the railroad camps and are offering a variety of both new and

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Chitina Leader, March 30, 1912.

second hand goods at very reasonable prices. Mr. Cordes is an old time Alaskan and know the needs of this section thoroughly, while Mr. Simons' knowledge of the grocery and meat business specially fits him for this branch of the trade. They are progressive merchants as their ad in the Leader indicates.

Chitina Leader, October 7, 1911.

It is proposed to build a sidewalk on the hill from the round house to the store of Cordes & Simons who have offered to supply the lumber at cost.

Chitina Leader, December 16, 1911.

Chitina is now boasting a new hotel - the Bonanza, Griffiths & Hyland, proprietors. These progressive young business men realizing the advantage afforded by the remodeling of the Blouen building on Main Street, secured from Mr. Blouen a lease on the property and will remove to their new quarters in a few days. The entire upper story will be used for the hotel and will be fitted out with new furniture. The office and a large lounging room will be on the second floor. A good restaurant and the bar will be re-opened below.

Chitina Leader, May 25, 1912.

Tom Cloninger, one of the proprietors of the **Chitina hotel**, is in town purchasing material for an enlarged building. He is adding two stories to the Log Cabin building, which will give him fourteen additional rooms, with bath. The new building will be used in connection with the present hotel, and will be known as the **Hotel Chitina Annex**.

Chitina Leader, August 13, 1912.

Pete Cordes has sold his interest in the firm of Cordes and **Simons** to (Cut off; presumably to C.A. Simons).



Chitina Leader, November 12, 1912.

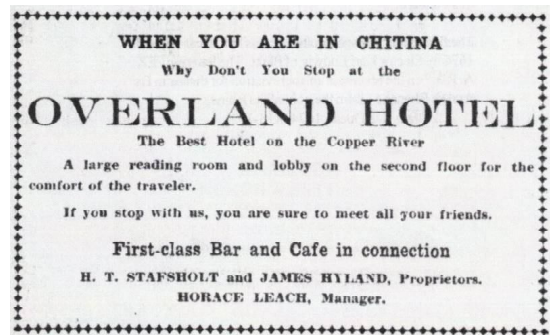


Chitina Leader, December 3, 1912.

Tom Cloninger has bought out John Palmer in the **Chitina Hotel** which gives him the entire possession of that well known house. Mt. Palmer will go to California but will still hold his interests here in other property.



Tom Cloninger who is one of the best liked and most wide awake business men in Chitina will continue to make that the leading hotel in town.



Chitina Leader, March 3, 1914.



Chitina Leader, January 19, 1915.

George Goshaw, who brought **C. A. Simons** from Shushanna to McCarthy with his dog team, has returned to the enterprising mining town.

Simons relocated to Chisana during that gold rush where he issued tokens.

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Valdez Daily Prospector, September 20, 1915.
Interior People Are In City Meeting Friends.

*Among the many interior people now in Valdes attending to the term of federal court few are better known than **Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cloninger** of Chitina. Mr. Cloninger has been in Alaska for eighteen years and during that time has always occupied positions which brought him in touch with the traveling public. He has lived in most of the Alaskan coast towns but for the past several years has conducted the **Hotel Chitina**, the leading hotel of the interior town.*

***Mr. Cloninger** is interested in many enterprises and in addition to managing the **Hotel Chitina** he is the manger and guiding spirit of the Chitina-Tonsina Telephone company, which is proving a great benefit to the business interests of the communities which it serves.*

Cordova Daily Times, December 31, 1915.

***Thomas Cloninger** has disposed of his interest in the **Chitina Hotel** to Oscar Allen, and he intends on locating in Cordova.*

Cordova Daily Times, May 8, 1916.

***Tom Cloninger** this morning left on the train for McCarthy, where he will assume charge of the Alaskan bar, owned by Gottschalk and Cloninger. A. Cloninger, one of the proprietors, will return to Cordova to assist in the management of the Alaskan Hotel.*

Cordova Daily Times, May 10, 1916.



*Art Cloninger, of the Alaskan Hotel, returned yesterday from McCarthy, where he opened up a new bar for Gottschalk & Cloninger. He will remain in Cordova for the summer. The business in McCarthy will be in the hands of his brother, **Tom Cloninger**.*

Cordova Daily Times, April 3, 1919.

*The Alaska Billiard Hall Company in which **Tom***

***Cloninger** is the prime mover, has taken a five year's lease on the Donohoe building, now occupied by the Empress theater. The ground floor will be thoroughly renovated and fitted as a billiard and pool hall. Eight tables have been ordered and also a soda fountain. Tom is an old-time Alaskan and will get possession of his new place of business June 1, when he will immediately begin the work of putting it in first-class shape for his new business.*

The Empress theater was owned by "Cap" Lathrop.

Cordova Daily Times, May 17, 1919.

***Thomas Cloninger** and wife returned today from a trip to Seattle, where Tom purchased the new equipment for the Alaska Billiard Hall Company which will move into the building now occupied by the Empress theatre on June 1. He secured five pool and three billiard tables, soda water fountain, chairs, table linoleum and other requisites to make his place of business one of the most attractive resorts in Alaska.*

Cordova Daily Times, June 16, 1919.



*The **Club Pool and Billiard Hall**, under the management of **Thomas Cloninger**, is now open and in full swing, the old Empress theatre building having been transformed into an attractive resort by Bogart and Robinson, decorators. The hall is 50 x 100 feet and the entire floor has been covered with cork carpet. A beautiful marble fountain and five pool and three billiard tables have been installed...The Club will be one of the finest billiard halls in the territory.*

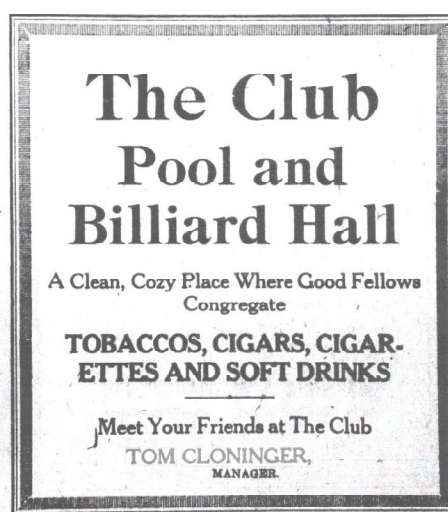
Cordova Daily Times, March 4, 1922.

*The other night, while the Victoria was in port, **Thomas Cloninger**, of The **Club billiard hall**, was handsomely remembered by Ray C. Larson, of Anchorage, who insisted upon the genial Tom accepting a tip of \$9. Mr. Larson was treating several friends to smokes, which amounted to sixty cents. He tendered a bill in payment of same and received \$9.40 in change. Ray picked up the forty cents and told*

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Tom to keep the \$9 as he did not want to be burdened with nine silver dollars tendered him. Tom protested, but Ray insisted and walked away leaving the \$9 on the counter. Later Tom learned that the \$9 was his all the time, as he had given Ray change for a \$10 instead of a \$1 bill.



Cordova Daily Times, June 17, 1919.

Daily Alaskan Empire, Juneau, November 5, 1931.
No matter how depressed the copper industry at Cordova may be it isn't nearly so bad as the agricultural industry in the states, in the opinion of **Tom Cloninger**, old-time resident of Cordova, who has returned there to make his home again after having spent several years ranching in the state of Washington.

POKER CHIPS

Daily Alaska Empire, Juneau, June 12, 1928.
JUNEAU BILLIARDS will pay 2½¢ apiece for 900 inlaid poker ships lost at fire.

Nome Nugget, July 27, 1956.

In the case of the U.S. vs. poker chip rack and other gambling equipment and other items seized at Point Barrow, and including cash and checks, a judgment was given in favor of the United States.

FOR THE RECORD



ANCHORAGE: American Legion Jack Henry Post #1. Bronze with blue enamel, size not given.



KING SALMON: King Ko Inn, "The Fun Place", good for one drink. Black on wood.



(NORTH SLOPE): Conoco Phillips/Doyon Drilling, The best rig on the Slope! Metal unknown, looks bronze with yellow/orange enamel, size not given.



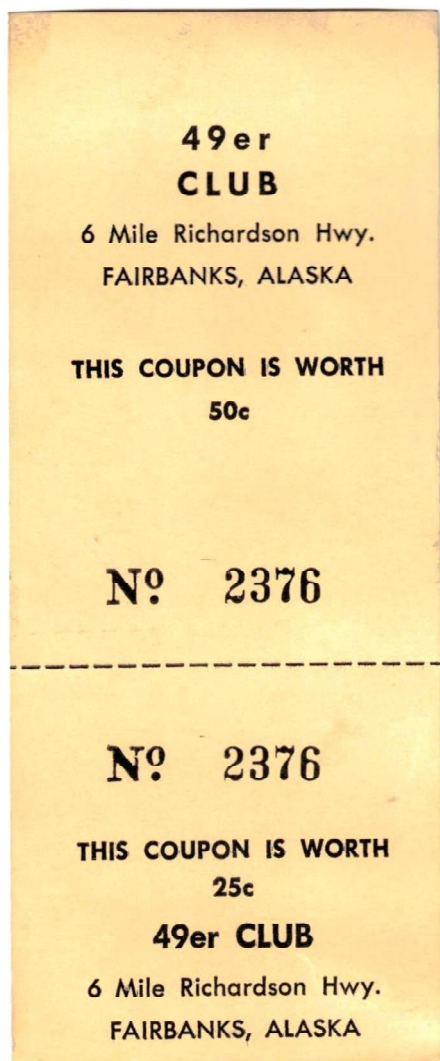
NORTHSTAR ISLAND: BP Exploration Alaska, 3 million safe manhours, 2003-2008. One ounce .999 fine silver.

49'ER CLUB

The 49'er Club was located on the Richardson Highway at "6 mile Village," a turn off from the highway. It has been closed for some time.



Black on wood



25¢ and 50¢ coupons, black on tan, 57mm x 140mm

NORTHLAND TRANSPORTATION CO.



From Wikipedia:

Northland Transportation Company operated cargo and passenger ships from Seattle to Southeast Alaska starting in 1923. During World War II Northland Transportation Co. was active in charter shipping with the Marine Commission and War Shipping Administration.

Skinner and Eddy Corporation of Washington purchased the only two major Alaska shipping companies to survive after the war: Northland Transportation in 1942 and Alaska Steamship Co. in 1944. Skinner and Eddy Corporation closed the Northland Transportation Company in 1948.



In the April 1985 issue of this newsletter, Harold Fossum wrote: Skinner & Eddy Corp. tool check, 4 tools, brass, 32mm. Skinner & Eddy Corp. bought the Alaska Steamship Co. in 1944. The corporation also owned the Alaska Pacific Salmon Co., Ketchikan Wharf Co. and other Alaskan interests.

PIONEERS CELEBRATE BIRTH-DAYS

Kodiak Mirror, December 8, 1961.

Pioneers at the Alaska Pioneer's home, at Sitka, Alaska, who have birthdays in Dec. include ... Knute Dalsbo, Dec. 3, 1883. Port Alexander, B-2. (image from March 1985 issue).



TOKENS FROM THE ARTICLES (AND THEN SOME)

Images have been enhanced to better show the details.
Copper and brass tokens have been lightened.

CHITINA



Navada Bar, 12½¢, Native Copper, B-4a **100.00**



As above, red white poker chip, might be from Anchorage

40.00

CORDOVA



Alaskan Hotel, 12½¢, B-2a **15.00**



Club Billiard Hall, 5¢, B-9a, many nicks and edge ding

40.00



Oscar Breedman, 6¼¢, B-5a **75.00**



C & M, The Club, 25¢, B-10a

50.00



Carscadden's, 6¼¢, B-6a **100.00**



Cordova Hotel, 12½¢, B-13a

40.00



The Club, 12½¢, B-7a, This has been wet and the front has separated from the back.
Still very acceptable.

30.00



Cordova House, Harry & Charley, 5¢, B-14a

75.00



Horseshoe, 6¼¢, B-19a

75.00

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Horseshoe Liquor Co., 6¼¢, B-20a

60.00



V&A Club, 5¢, B-39a (tentative)

100.00



J.W. Little, 12½¢, Native Copper, B-22a

125.00



White Co., 6¼¢, B-40a

150.00



The MacCormac, no denom., B-23a

10.00



Windsor Hotel, 6¼¢, B-41a

150.00



The Mint, 6¼¢, B-25a

200.00



Windsor Hotel Bar, 12½¢, B-41c

150.00



Northern Drug, 12½¢, B-28c

40.00



TONSINA



Jake Nafsted, 12½¢, Native copper, B-1a

40.00



As above, 50¢, B-28b

60.00



KATALLA



Southern Club, 6¼¢, B-36a

75.00



The Northern, Smith & Duval, no denomination copper.

300.00



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INVENTORY FINDS - BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE!

Here are more items we found hiding in various places - boxes, filing cabinets, binders, etc. Some are only one in stock, but we have multiples of many. Many are priced to sell!

Metals: CN = cupronickel, or silver colored. Arcade tokens are probably nickel plated brass; brs - brass (a yellow alloy) brz = bronze (a brown alloy). 1967PC means the Purchase Centennial totem is used on on side.

ALASKA

Egan/Wade, 1962-66, CN 33mm	1.00
Alaska Aviation Committee, 1967PC, brz, 40mm nice bi-plane on obverse.	8.00
Alaskan Command, Keystone of the North, 1972, ox. CN 40mm	8.00
Alaska Visitors Association, 1971, trade dollar brass, 35mm	3.00
Discovery of Gold, Yukon/Nome/Fairbanks, 1972. My favorite gold rush medal with gold dredge and gold panner. Thick copper, 40mm	12.00
25 years of Statehood, AK map on map of US, State seal rev. brass, 40mm	3.00
Alaska Railroad elongated cent, "Scenic Tours" a bit short, not fully rolled	1.00
Elect Brad Bradley, Lt. Gov., Alum., 35mm	10.00
Encased Cent, Souvenir of Alaska, 1952, Horseshoe shap	10.00

ANCHORAGE

American Bicentennial, 1976, brz. 39mm	3.00
American Legion Post 28, set of 2: 50¢ red Alum. and \$5 blue Alum.	3.00
Anchorage Coin Club, 2008, CN, 39mm	5.00
Anchorage Trade Dollars, set of 3 plastic: red, white & light blue. 1967PC	3.00
Arctic Winter Games, 1974, brs. 40mm	2.00
Cook Inlet Native Asso., Nick Gray Memorial 1967 Alaska Centennial. Brz. 40mm	3.00
Cross Roads, Where Friends Meet, Premium Drink. Octagonal, white on blue 40mm	8.00
Fairview Market, Food Stamp tokens, set of (4); 1¢, 5¢, 10¢ and 25¢. White, orange yellow and black, respectively, 37mm	25.00
As above, 5¢ only	5.00
As above, 10¢, only	5.00
As above, white on blk and grn plastic respectively, 28mm	2.00
Flea Rendezvous, 1966, Alum. 39mm	3.00
Fur Rendezvous, 1967, brass, 34mm	

Gold Rush Hotel, , 1972, brass, 40mm	3.00
Gold Rush Motor Lodge, 1967PC Brs, 32mm	2.00
Howard's Service, set of 3: \$1, \$2.50 and \$5, Brass, varying sizes	5.00
International Liquor, 50¢, 1969, alum. 35mm	2.00
Jungle Land Pet Shot, 50¢, 1969, alum. 35mm	2.00
Little Castle, video game token, brs, 25mm	1.00
Merlyn Arcade, video game, brs 25mm	1.00
Midnight Express, Beer, blk on white plas.	5.00
Moose Gooser, Kiwanis Steam Railroad, 1967PC CN going left, 40mm	2.00
Ken Rieck, AK earthquake laser wood	3.00
Pat Wiley, Top of the World Coins, 1980, \$1 in trade, gold on black, 41mm	1.00
Ptarmigan Coin & Stamp Society, 40mm alum	1.00
Shrine Circus, 1961, 25¢, Dave Nelson, alum, 25.5mm, Dave Nelson of the Ozzie & Harriet Nelsons	5.00
Totem Coin Club Coin Fest., brs 32mm	1.00
AUKE BAY	
Auke Lady, one drink poker chip, gold on grn	8.00
CORDOVA	
Ice Worm Festival, 8 bits (\$1), brs, 39mm	5.00
ELMENDORF A.F.B.	
Polar Bowl, video game, cn, 23mm	2.00
Winter Carnival hanging medal. Red, white and blue enamel on thin brass, 51mm	5.00
ESTER	
Malemute Saloon, 2 bits, black on wood	3.00
Malemute Saloon, Cripple Creek Resort, black on wood.	3.00
FAIRBANKS	
Arctic Bowl, one free game, Blk on wood	3.00
A-1 Midway, roller coaster, ferris wheel, cn, 25.5mm	1.00
As above, Merry Go Round horse	1.00
These tokens are used at the Tanana Valley Fair.	
Coin Shop, 1978, 25¢, brs 22.5 mm	1.00
Coin Shop, 1980 \$1 gold on bue plas 42mm	1.00
Courtney Court, Good Luck, brs, 29mm	1.00
Daily News Miner, 1963, 60th Anniversary, brz., scalloped, 34mm, key chain	12.00
Elks 1551, Farthest North, Elk/map, brs 34mm	8.00
Eskimo Olympics, 1966, High Kick. Brz. 40mm	5.00
Fairbanks Coin Club, 1965 convention, brz	1.00
Gold Discovery, Pioneers of Alaska 1952, Pedro on the obverse. Scal. Al 36mm	8.00
First National Bank of Fairbanks, 1963, 60th Anniversary. Brz, scalloped, 34mm key	

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chain.	12.00	Souvenir Medallion, no date, circa 1972,	
Fly Trampoline Park, vidoe game, brs. 25mm	1.00	CN, 40mm	3.00
Elongated Cent, "Merry Christmas, by Bert Samsa	1.00	NENANA	
Gold Rush Saloon & Silver Dollar Bar, set of (5); 5,10,25,50¢ & \$1. white of 5 diff. color plastic, 39mm.	50.00	Nenana Dog Musher/Tripod, 1977, brz 39mm	5.00
Kentucky Fried Chicken, (3) ¼ oz. silver, bear, moose, sheep	30.00	NOME	
As above, bear	8.00	Bering Sea Saloon, one drink, brs. 34mm	8.00
As above, moose	8.00	Breakers Bar, 1993, one drink, brs, 32mm	8.00
North Star Car Wash, blk on blue plas 42mm	8.00	NORTH POLE	
OK Lumber, Kid's Club Money, Al. 25mm	10.00	Santa's Sud laundry token, brs. 22mm	1.00
Pioneer Hotel, Bicentennial Dollar, 1976, brass, 39mm	3.00	PALMER	
Raven Screens, Tuit, Blk on wood, tape residue	1.00	Trade Dollar, Rodeo & Scottish Games, nickel 33mm	3.00
Stu Rothman, 1980 Photo Dollar, gold on blk plastic, 41mm	3.00	As above, 1979, cornucopia	3.00
As above, 1984, cast base metal, 47mm	12.00	PETERSBURG	
Sourdough Fuel, 3¢ discount, red and blue on white plastic, 41mm	5.00	Am. Bicent., 1976, Heritage of the Sea, Brs 40mm	8.00
VFW Post3629, 1989, convention, brs 32mm	8.00	SEWARD	
FORT GREELY		Cornerstone of an Empire, All American City, 1963/65, Alum & brass, 38mm	3.00
50th Anniversary, 1992, Home of the Rugged Professionals. Really nice high relief bronze medal, 40mm	18.00	Yukon Bar, draft beer poker chip, gold on wht	5.00
HAINES		As above, gold on yellow	5.00
Trade Dollar, 1981, brz, 35mm	3.00	SITKA	
Elks 2634, one drink, brz, 39mm	8.00	C of C Trade Dollar, 1963, CN 38mm	1.00
Dalton Trail Troop 70, BSA, 1975 rd on wd	3.00	Pioneers of Alaska Convention, 1979, one drink, black on wood.	1.00
HOMER		SKAGWAY	
Homer Museum, Centennial Souvenir, 1967, brass, 40mm	5.00	Trade Dollar, brass, 34mm	3.00
As above, bronze	5.00	SOLDOTNA	
JUNEAU		Lola's Bear Den, one drink, 1965, brs 33mm	5.00
Juneau Trade Dollars, set of 3 plastic: green, yellow, dark blue, 1967 PC	3.00	SPENARD	
KARLUK		Trade Winds Lounge,\$2 I/T, brs 32mm	5.00
Karluk Theatre, 76¢ ticket	3.00	TOK	
KETCHIKAN		Mukluk Land, video game token brs 25mm	2.00
C of C \$2 trade coin, cn 40mm	5.00	VALDEZ	
MATANUSKA VALLEY		Eagle's, FOE 1971, 1967 Purchase Centennial, brass, 40mm	10.00
1963/65 Trade Dollar, Brs. 38mm	5.00	ALASKA YUKON PACIFIC EXPOSITION	
MAT-SU BOROUGH		Encased Cent, 1909, potty shaped. Very worn but all is legible	15.00
Set of 10 plastic tokens, 5 each 25¢ and \$1, good at (5) different bars.31mm	10.00	DAWSON, YUKON	
MT. MCKINLEY NATIONAL PARK		Commemorating Klondike Gold Rush, brass, 36mm	3.00
		Dawson Dollar, no date, CN, 39mm	5.00
		WHITEHORSE	
		Trade Dollar, 1986, nickel, 33mm	3.00
		DAWSON CREEK, BC	
		Centennial Coin, 1967, Peace River Project, brass, 40mm	3.00

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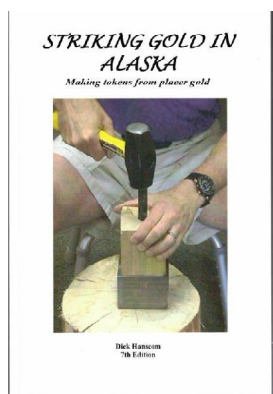
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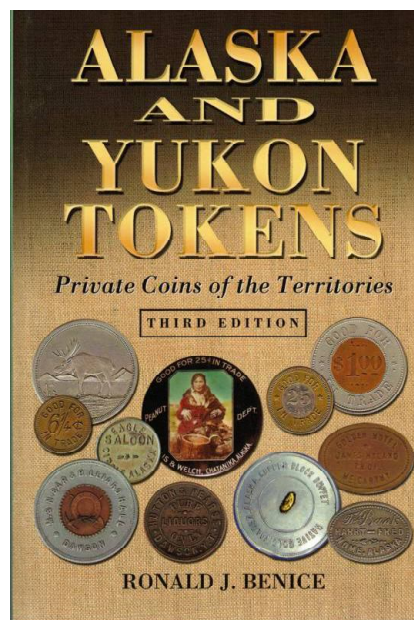
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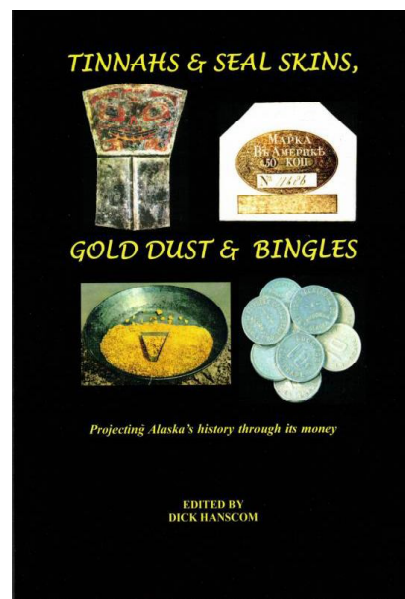
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